

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Migratory Game Bird Seasons—1996-97

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following emergency rule:

The hunting seasons for early migratory birds during the 1996-97 hunting season shall be as follows:

MIGRATORY BIRDS OTHER THAN WATERFOWL

DOVE:	Split Season, Statewide,	60 days	
	September 7 - September 15	9 days	
	October 19 - November 8		21 days
	December 14 - January 12	30 days	
	Daily bag limit 15, Possession Limit, 30		
TEAL:	September 21 - September 29	9 days	
	Daily bag limit 4, Possession limit 8, Blue-winged, Green-winged and		Cinnamon teal only. Federal and
	State waterfowl stamps required.		
RAILS:	Split Season		
	September 21 - September 29		
	November 9 - January 8		
KING AND CLAPPER:	Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate,		Possession 30.
SORA AND VIRGINIA:	Daily bag and possession 25 in the aggregate.		
GALLINULES:	Split season		
	September 21 - September 29		
	November 9 - January 8		
	Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30		
SNIFE:	November 9 - February 23		
	Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16		
WOODCOCK:	November 28 - January 31		
	Daily bag limit 5, Possession 10		

SHOOTING HOURS:

Teal, Rail, Gallinule, Snipe and Woodcock: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except noon to sunset on September 7-8, October 19-20, and December 14-15.

A declaration of emergency is necessary because the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service establishes the framework for all migratory species. In order for Louisiana to provide hunting opportunities to the 200,000 sportsmen, selection of season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours must be established and presented to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service immediately.

The aforementioned season dates, bag limits and shooting hours will become effective on September 1, 1996 and extend through sunset on February 28, 1997.

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